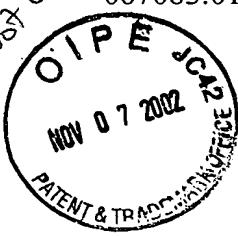


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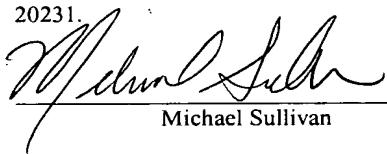
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made. The amended claims are so indicated. Please refer to any attached sheets showing a marked up version of any amendments to the specification and claims.